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SUBJECT: NINTH KNESSET OPENS; SHAMIR ELECTED SPEAKER

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. BEFORE A PACKED GALLERY, INCLUDING THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, PRESIDENT EPHRAIM KATZIR YESTERDAY CONVENED THE NITH KNESSET. AFTER A BRIEF SPEECH REVIEWING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OUTGOING KNESSET, HE TURNED THE GAVEL OVER TO ZERAH WARHAFTIG WHO, AS THE KNESSET'S OLDEST MEMBER, ADMINISTERED THE OATH TO EACH MK. THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS WAS ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER. HERUT MK YITZHAK SHAMIR WAS THE CHOICE, RECEIVING THE SUPPORT OF THE LIKUD, NRP, AGUDAT YISRAEL, SHLOMZION AND FLATTO SHARON, FOR A TOTAL OF 61 VOTES. THE RUNNER-UP WAS OUTGOING MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND POLICE SHLOMO HILLEL WHO RECEIVED
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32 VOTES--ALL FFROM THE ALIGNMENT AND SHELLI.

2. A 23-MEMBER ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE WAS THEN CHOSEN TO WORK OUT THE NUMBER, COMPOSITION, MEMBERSHIP AND CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE PERMANENT KNESSET COMMITTEES. THE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE INCLUDES 9 MKS FROM THE LIKUD, 6 FROM THE ALIGNMENT, 3 FROM DMC, 2 FROM

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NRP, 1 RAKAH MK, 1 AGUDAH MK, AND ANOTHER MK TO BE
CHOSEN BY THE SMALLER PARTIES REPRESENTED IN THE
KNESSET. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3.BEGINLIMITED OFFICIAL USE. BIO NOTE: SHAMIR
WAS BORN IN POLAND IN 1915 AND IMMIGRATED TO PALESTINE
IN 1935. HE ATTENDED THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY AND SERVED
AS A COMMANDER IN THE STREN GANG. ARRESTED BY THE
MANDATE GOVERNMENT IN 1946, HE SPENT 9 MONTHS IN
BRITISH PRISONS, INCLUDING TIME IN A DETENTION CAMP
IN IRITREA. FOR SOME 10 YEARS HE SERVED WHAT ARE
DESCRIBED AS "NATIONAL SECURITY" POSITIONS (MOSSAD). HE
FORMALLY JOINED THE HERUT PARTY ONLY 5 YEARS AGO
AND WAS FIRST ELECTED TO THE KNESSET IN 1973.
HE SERVED IN THE EIGHT KNESSET'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND SECURITY COMMITTEE AND IS CHAIRMAN OF HERUT'S
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. SHAMIR IS REGARDED AS MODEST
AND, AS FAR AS POLITICIANS GO, UNASSUMING. NOT
CONSIDERED A FORCEFUL LEADER HE IS, HOWEVER,
VERY CLOSE TO BEGIN IN HIS POLITICAL VIEWS.
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